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FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICER AND CUSTOMS ATTACHE

1. IN THE PAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS U.S. CUSTOMS CCINC TRAINING PROGRAMS HAVE RESULTED IN NARCOTICS INTERDICTION TRAINING FOR OVER 1500 FOREIGN CUSTOMS EMPLOYEES IN 25 COUNTRIES. TRAINING IN EUROPE HAS TAKEN PLACE IN WEST GERMANY, GREECE, AND YUGOSLAVIA IN 1973. SO FAR THIS YEAR TRAINING HAS BEEN GIVEN IN BELGIUM, AND REPEAT CLASSES WERE HELD IN WEST GERMANY, GREECE, AND BULGARIA. SPAIN IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER TRAINING.

2. AS WILL BE SEEN IN THE REFERENCED AIRGRAM, THE TRAINING IS DIRECTED AT CUSTOMS SERVICES AND OTHER BORDER ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WHOSE MAIN FUNCTION IS THE INTERDICTION OF

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CONTRABAND. ALTHOUGH THE THRUST OF THE PROGRAM IS CENTERED

ON THE STOPPING OF THE FLOW OF NARCOTICS INTO AND THROUGH THE HOST COUNTRY, MOST FOREIGN CUSTOMS SERVICES REALIZE THAT INCREASED REVENUES DUE TO THE IMPROVED INSPECTION AND CONTROL PROCEDURES TAUGHT IS AN ADDITIONAL VALUABLE RESULT OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM.

3. THE FOLLOWING EXCERPT FROM THE AIRGRAM WILL CLARIFY THE GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROPOSED U.S. CUSTOMS TRAINING PROGRAM.

U.S. CUSTOMS WILL RETAIN THE RESPONSIBILITY TO TRAIN FOREIGN OFFICIALS IN CUSTOMS, INSPECTION, AND BORDER CONTROL OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES UNDER CCINC PROGRAMS. IN COUNTRIES WHERE CUSTOMS HAVE DIVIDED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR INSPECTION, BORDER CONTROL, AND INVESTIGATIONS, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TRAINING OF PERSONNEL IN THESE AGENCIES WILL BE DIVIDED ALONG FUNCTIONAL LINES. U.S. CUSTOMS WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TRAINING OF INSPECTIONAL BORDER CONTROL OFFICERS AND DEA WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TRAINING OF THOSE OFFICERS HAVING DRUG INVESTIGATIVE OR DRUG INTELLIGENCE RESPONSIBILITIES.

4. IT IS REQUESTED THAT COUNTRY CUSTOMS OFFICIALS OR REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS WITH BORDER AND INTERDICTORY RESPONSIBILITY BE CONTACTED AND MADE AWARE OF AVAILABLE CUSTOMS TRAINING UNDER THE CCINC PROGRAMS AS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL. IF INTEREST IS SHOWN, PLEASE ADVISE, AND A U.S. CUSTOMS REPRESENTATIVE WILL SCHEDULE A VISIT IN ORDER TO FULLY EXPLAIN THE PROGRAMS, DETERMINE APPROPRIATE COURSE CONTENT, AND ARRANGE FOR TRAINING FACILITIES. IF NO INTEREST IS SHOWN OR IF SPECIFIC PROBLEMS EXIST FOR THE LOCAL CUSTOMS SERVICE, ALSO ADVISE. KISSINGER

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